



# The Cat Who Knew Too Much



Once upon a time, on a damp and chilly afternoon in late August, when no one could go hunting, Lady Blemley's guests were gathered cozily around the tea table. This wasn't just any ordinary day, though. Everyone's eyes were fixed on Mr. Cornelius Appin, a guest with a mysterious reputation. No one quite knew what made Mr. Appin special until he shared an unbelievable secret: he claimed he had taught Tobermory, the house cat, to speak human language!

Of course, everyone was skeptical at first. How could a cat talk like people? But then, Sir Wilfrid, another guest, came back from looking for Tobermory, completely shocked. He said he told Tobermory to come for tea, and the cat actually spoke back, saying he'd come whenever he wanted!

When Tobermory strolled into the room, everyone was on edge. How do you talk to a talking cat? Lady Blemley nervously offered him some milk, and to everyone's amazement, Tobermory responded just like a person!

But things quickly turned awkward. Tobermory started revealing secrets he had overheard. He told Mavis Pellington that Sir Wilfrid thought she wasn't very smart and that Lady Blemley only invited her because she might buy their old car. He even made a snarky comment about Major Barfield's personal affairs.

Everyone was panicking. What if Tobermory started sharing their secrets with the servants? They all agreed, even though they liked Tobermory, he knew too much and they couldn't risk him talking.

But as they were plotting to keep Tobermory quiet, he slipped out the window, chasing after another cat. The next morning, they found

Tobermory had been in a fight with the big yellow cat from the Rectory and didn't survive.

After Tobermory's untimely departure, Mr. Appin's grand discovery was left without a successor. And a few weeks later, in a strange twist of fate, Mr. Appin himself met an unfortunate end at a zoo, hinting that perhaps he had tried his language experiments on the wrong animal.

And so, the tale of Tobermory, the talking cat, became a legendary story in Lady Blemley's house, reminding everyone that some secrets are best left untold.